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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Ms. Diane Salkie
ATTN: Lower Passaic River Remedial Project Manager
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**Re: Monthly Progress Report No. 75 – November 2018
Lower Passaic River Study Area (LPRSA)
River Mile 10.9 Removal Action
CERCLA Docket No. 02-2012-2015**

Dear Ms. Salkie:

de maximis, inc. is submitting this Monthly Progress Report for the above-captioned project on behalf of the Cooperating Parties Group (CPG) pursuant to the Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent for Removal Action (Settlement Agreement or AOC). The Progress Report satisfies the reporting requirements of Paragraph 28 of the River Mile (RM) 10.9 Removal Action (RA) Settlement Agreement. The CPG previously identified several issues in Section (d) that delayed and complicated the completion of the RM 10.9 RA. These issues have been resolved by the Region's approval of the Long Term Monitoring and Maintenance Plan (LTMMP) and the delivery of a revised draft RM 10.9 RA Final Construction Report.

(a) Actions which have been taken to comply with this Settlement Agreement during the previous month.

Meetings/Conference Calls

- None.

Correspondence

- On November 13, EPA Region 2 (Region 2) provided a request to include synoptic poling of the RM 10.9 RA cap during the Upper 9-Mile Bathymetry Survey to CPG for it to be considered as complying with the RM 10.9 RA LTMMP 5 year bathymetry survey requirement.
- On November 15, CPG delivered the October 2018 Progress Report to Region 2.
- On November 15, CPG provided a revised Draft RM 10.9 RA LTMMP 2017 Annual Visual Cap Monitoring Report and response to Region 2 comments to Region 2.
- On November 15, CPG provided a Draft RM 10.9 RA LTMMP 2018 Annual Visual Cap Monitoring Report to Region 2.

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- On November 20, Region 2 provided approval of the revised Draft RM 10.9 RA LTMMP Baseline Report to CPG.

Work

- CPG completed the Draft RM 10.9 RA LTMMP 2018 Annual Visual Cap Monitoring Report.
- CPG revised the Draft RM 10.9 RA LTMMP 2017 Annual Visual Cap Monitoring Report.

(b) Results of Sampling and Tests

- NA

(c) Work planned for the next two months with schedules relating to the overall project schedule for construction completion and monitoring

- CPG will respond to additional Region 2 comments on the revised Draft RM 10.9 RA LTMMP 2017 Annual Visual Cap Monitoring Report.
- CPG will respond to Region 2 comments on the Draft RM 10.9 RA LTMMP 2018 Annual Visual Cap Monitoring Report.
- CPG will conduct additional poling of the RM 10.9 RA cap during the Upper 9-Mile Bathymetry Survey.

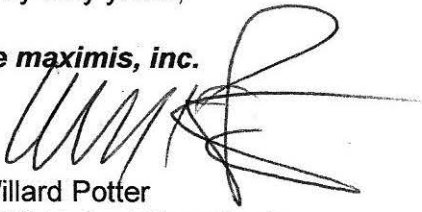
(d) Problems encountered and anticipated problems, actual or anticipated delays, and solutions developed and implemented to address actual or anticipated problems or delays

- None

If you have any questions, please contact Rob Law or me at (908) 735-9315.

Very truly yours,

de maximis, inc.


Willard Potter
CPG Project Coordinator

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